

REMARKS

The rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated August 15, 2003 have been carefully reviewed by the Applicants. Claims 5, 10, and 11 are currently rejected, and Claims 6-9 and 12-27 are objected to. In addition to the amendments described below, Claim 13 has been amended to provide a missing period (.).

Claims 5, 10, and 11 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by each of Pham et al. (6261904 B1), Wang et al. (6562683 B1), and Yang (US 6403420). In response, Claim 5 has been canceled and Claims 10 and 11 have been amended.

Claim 10 has been amended to depend from amended Claim 6. Claim 6 has been indicated as allowable if amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 5, and has been so amended. The Applicants submit that Claim 10 and dependent Claim 11 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 6-9 and 12-27 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in

independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, dependent Claims 6, 14, 20, and 24 have been amended in independent form to include the limitations of base Claim 5. Applicants submit that Claims 7-9, 12, 13, 15-19, 21-23, and 25-27 are also in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependence from amended Claims 6, 14, 20, and 24.

Claims 6-9 and 12-27 have been amended in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Office Action. Claim 10 and its dependent Claim 11 have been amended to depend from amended Claim 6. In summary, Applicants assert that Claims 6-27 are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit such action by the Examiner.

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